

16 October 1950

Mr. Raymond P. Whearty, Chairman  
Interdepartmental Committee on Internal Security  
2107 Department of Justice  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Whearty:

The draft of "Minimum Standards for the Handling and Transmission of Classified Information" forwarded with your letter of 9 October 1950 addressed to the Director, CIA, has been carefully considered.

It is desired to make the general comment that the Central Intelligence Agency, under its responsibilities as defined by the National Security Act of 1947, must incorporate intelligence material received from other agencies into its finished studies for dissemination to interested departments and agencies. In addition, as a consuming agency, the Central Intelligence Agency must reproduce intelligence material for intra-agency dissemination in order for intelligence studies and spot intelligence summaries to be quickly prepared on a current basis.

The principle of establishing minimum standards for the handling and transmission of classified information in the Executive departments and agencies is subscribed to by the Central Intelligence Agency; and, aside from the above general comments, this Agency has no specific changes to recommend concerning the draft as submitted.

FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE:

/s/ SHEFFIELD EDWARDS  
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Chief, Inspection & Security Staff

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